

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With regards to claims 13,14,21 and 22, the prior art of record does not disclose or fairly teach the specific circuit configuration with emphasis on all inductive coupling devices being lined to a same phase in a transmission path having several underground cables.. With regards to claims 15, 16, 23 and 24, the prior art of record does not disclose or fairly teach the specific circuit configuration with emphasis on the inductive coupling device being linked to all phases. With regards to claims 17, 18, 25 and 26, the prior art of record does not disclose or fairly teach the specific circuit configuration with emphasis on the inductive coupling devices being linked to an incoming line of a transformer.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KIMBERLY E. GLENN whose telephone number is (571)272-1761. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 to 4:00.

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